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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 8, 2002  
NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS  
AND PETITION FOR A FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to an April 8, 2002 Notice To File Corrected Application Papers issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A copy of the Notice is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. A response to the April 8, 2002 Notice was originally due June 8, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time. Applicants have previously established small entity status. The required fee for a four-month extension of time for a small entity is \$720.00 and a check for this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the April 8, 2002 Notice is now due October 8, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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